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Application Number: 09/687,263  
Filing date: October 12, 2000  
First named inventor: Chok J. Chia et al.  
Attorney docket number: 00-282

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- Amendment in response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2002

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Chok J. Chia et al.  
Serial Number: 09/687,263  
Filed: October 12, 2000  
Title: Insulated Bonding Wire for Microelectronic Packaging  
Examiner: Collins, Deven M.  
Group Art Unit: 2823  
Attorney Docket: 00-282

## AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee-Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2002.

## REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the election of Group 1, Claims 1 to 5, drawn to a method for insulating a bonding wire. Reconsideration is requested.

However, restriction is not required by 35 U.S.C. § 121, as suggested in the office action. Congress wisely granted the *discretion* to restrict applications. According to 35 U.S.C. § 121 "... the Commissioner *may* require the application to be restricted...." (emphasis added). Likewise, MPEP § 803 lists two criteria that must be present for restriction to be proper:

1. The invention must be independent or distinct; and
2. There must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required.

In searching the Group I claims, the class and subclass for the Group II claims will

undoubtedly be searched, to ensure that no relevant art is overlooked. For this reason there is no significant burden on the examiner, and certainly no serious burden as required by MPEP § 803. In fact, maintaining the requirement for restriction not only burdens applicants with the additional costs associated with filing and prosecuting separate patent applications, but also requires the examiner to duplicate efforts by examining multiple applications of closely related inventions. Such practice not only wastes public and private funds and Patent Office resources, but also leads to the possibility of inconsistent examinations of closely related inventions. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement.

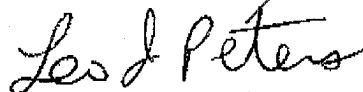
In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that a full and complete response to the office action is provided herein, and request that the application proceed to examination.

In the event this response is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper be charged to deposit account 12-2252.

Sincerely,

LSI LOGIC CORPORATION.

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